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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Kai Paintner  
Application Number: Unassigned  
Filing Date: Concurrently herewith  
Group Art Unit:  
Examiner:  
Title: METHOD FOR OPERATING AN APPLIANCE  
COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE SUB-PROGRAM STEP  
"DRYING"

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

**Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims**, as reflected in the listing of claims, begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.